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Newsletter #177:

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I hope everyone is having a wonderful and safe summer. The ANA WFOM is a short two weeks away. I am filled with a mixture of emotions. On the one hand I am very excited to see some of my old friends, both collectors and dealers. The other part of me is very nervous about it. I am double vaccinated but the threat of the variant is looming. I'm abundantly aware that a lot of my fellow coin enthusiasts are not fond of wearing masks now and some are even not vaccinated. I don't want to offend anyone but I will be very strict with masking at my booth. I hope that all that read my newsletter and plan to attend will understand my stance. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

ANA World's Fair of Money (August 10-14) - VISIT ME AT TABLE 826!

The WFOM is going to be a little different this year than in previous years. The first change is that instead of PNG (Professional Numismatist Guild) day there will be an ANA Dealer Day. I've received both negative and positive commentary from folks on the decision of the board to do this. I will first say that you can not please everyone. What I will say is this. The ANA is a 501(c)(3). What does that mean? We are nonprofit and our mission is education. The ANA does not exist for third parties, which the PNG is. The WFOM is a way for the ANA to support the dealer community so why for so many years have we had a completely separate entity dominating the first day and cannibalizing the sales for our bourse dealers? As a former PNG member I could never understand why the ANA did that. Now the ANA is correcting their mistake and replacing the PNG day with the ANA dealer day. I'm happy about it. It's about time!

Next, Heritage and Stacks Bowers will not have their auctions during the show. It will happen the week after. Many people haven't quite realized this change so I am mentioning it if you expect to be able to bid in the sale live during the ANA. I know some are disappointed in this and I can't say I blame them. That said, they will offer viewing during the show and their online bidding systems are quite good for participating.

There are so many amazing educational talks, exhibits and things to do at the fair this year so I hope you will take advantage of it all. Don't just think of it as a place to buy coins. The ANA is so much more than that. Here is the show guide for all to see and figure out what to do!

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I will be in the ancient/world section at table 826. I am sharing a corner table with the ANS so maybe when you are there you can swing by and join if you aren't already a member!!

Upcoming Auctions

In the summer months there is typically less going on with the auctions. There are always countless electronic sales but the larger floor auctions are reserved for the fall and spring. With the pandemic we experienced some major sales at the beginning of the summer. For ancients there really is nothing major now but there are a few electronic sales coming up that might interest you.

Naville Numismatics Auction 67 (1 August)

Naville will have their 67th auction on August 1 with 616 coins. They continue to sell a strong number of Dattari collection coins. This auction has 68 lots that were previously owned by the Alexadrian coin master. Lot 180 is a rarely seen type from the "Zodiac" series. This series was struck under Antoninus Pius and has a variety of zodiac symbolism. Lot 180 shows all the various signs of the zodiac, making it highly desirable.

Another oft-seen pedigree are lots from the Clain Stefanelli Collection. This sale has 26 lots. Many of the more desirable Clain Stefanelli coins were sold in floor auctions from Stacks and NAC but the couple had a vast collection so we continue to see their coins come up in Naville electronic sales.

There is also a nice section of Republican denarii that is offered in this sale.

CNG E497 (4 August)

There are 881 lots in this sale of ancient, world and British coins. Two collections are being promoted, the Wise Centaur and Bosworth. The Wise Centaur collection is 196 lots and consists of only Greek coins. The Bosworth collection is all British hammered and composed of 50 lots. Aside from these collections there are some less seldom seen areas in this sale such as Byzantine crosses, world medals and U.S. coins. For those that like Condor Tokens from Britain there are 26 in this sale.

Coin of the Week

DENMARK, Crown Princess Marie (wife of Frederick VI).
Marie Sophie Frederikke of Hesse-Kassel. Lived 1767-1852. Medal produced in 1790. AR Medal, 39.73g (42mm). Bust of Princess Maria left / MARIA EN HÆDER FOR SIT KJöN HUSTRUE MODER (Maria wife and mother).

Pedigree: From the Niels Christian Zinck Collection and purchased prior to World War II. Purchased from NF (Numismatisk Forening?), 28 Sept, 1927

References: B47

Grade: Beautiful surfaces with rainbow toning and wonderful details. Small circular discoloration in front of face in field but otherwise exceptional uncirculated EF

Price: $1,500

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Buy Coin

Maria Sophie Frederikke of Hesse-Kassel was the first cousin and wife of Frederick VI of Denmark. Frederick VI ruled both Denmark and Norway. Although Crown Princess Maria was considered a Dane, her mother tongue was German. She was mild mannered and considered a good wife to Frederick VI. Her early years were spent in certain conflict with her sister in law, Princess Louise Augusta, who had an intense closeness with her brother, the King. Frederick and Louise's mother, the Queen Caroline had an affair with her husband's physician, Johann Friedrich Struensee, which resulted in Louise's birth. Their father, King Christian VII, suffered from mental illness. After her birth, Struensee was executed and the Queen was sent away bringing the two siblings very close together. Marie eventually came into her own once she became Queen in 1808. She bore Frederick VI nine children but only two daughters survived. With the birth of her last child she was unable to have sexual relations with her husband and he took a mistress. Their marriage lasted until his death and was cordial.

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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